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INDOCHINA

1. EMBASSY PP DENIES GAO CHARGES THAT US MILITARY ACT AS ADVISORS IN VIOLATION OF LAW. CHARGE ENDERS SAYS IT IS CLEAR THAT MEDT MEMBERS ARE NOT ADVISORS TO FANK OPERATIONAL UNITS OR TO FANK "IN ANY OF ITS OPERATIONAL ASPECTS"; REFUSES TO SAY WHETHER BEHIND-THE-LINES ADVISORY AID BEING GIVEN, THOUGH PRESS REPORTS STATE THAT ADVICE ON ORGANIZATION OF FANK AND SUPPLY SYSTEM GIVEN SINCE 1970 (PHINQ; UPI WP, NYDN).

2. AMEMBASSY PP SAYS IT BORROWED 5,000 TONS OF US-PROVIDED RICE FROM GVN FOR GKR, WITH LOAN TO BE REPAID BY SHIPMENTS FROM US LATER THIS YEAR (UPI, JOC, WP, NYDN; PHINQ).

3. FIELD REPORTS SAY FANK ATTEMPTS TO PUSH OUT DEFENSE LINES NORTH AND SOUTH OF PP TURNED BACK BY FIERCE KI RESISTANCE (UPI CHITRIB, WP; PHINQ). GKR MARINES IN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT REOCCUPY VILLAGE ACROSS MEKONG FROM KOMPONG CHAM; FANK CONTINUES TRY TO TRAP KI FORCE 17 MI. WEST OF PP; CLASHES

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REPORTED ON ROUTE 5 AT SRANG AND TRAM KHNAR (AP, NYT).

4. IN LAOS, STALLED ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH COALITION GOVT. GET BOOST AS PL DECIDES, ACCORDING TO COMMUNIST SOURCE, NOT TO PRESS DEMAND FOR 1,000-MAN VIENTIANE GARRISON, BUT WILL "BE HAPPY" WITH 600-700. SOUVANNA WAS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN UNHAPPY WITH RAPID PL BUILDUP TOWARDS 1000 (CSM; PHINQ; UPI, WP).

5. GVN SAYS 48,151 KILLED BETWEEN JAN. 28 C-F AND OCT. 22, INCLUDING 10,010 ARVN, 1,690 CIVILIANS AND 36,451 COMMUNISTS. GVN WALKS OUT OF TRUCE MEETING BECAUSE VC REP TALKS PAST ALLOTTED TIME. COMMUNIST FORCES HIT 5 MILITIA PLATOONS IN DELTA

60 MI. SW OF SAIGON; KILL 22 OUT OF 150; COMMUNIST
CASUALTIES UNKNOWN (UPI NYDN, CHITRIB, WP; PHINQ).

THAILAND

6. THAI CABINET DECLARES AMNESTY POLICY FOR ACTS
OF VIOLENCE COMMITTED DURING STUDENT-LED UPRISING
(PHINQ, AP CHITRIB, WP, NYDN). BUT GOVERNMENT
STATEMENT LEFT OPEN POSSIBILITY THAT SOME PERSONS
ON DECISION-MAKING LEVEL MIGHT BE PROSECUTED (CSM).
SPECIAL FUND BEING SET UP TO AID VICTIMS (AP CHITRIB,
CSM).

CHINA

7. SWEDEN'S ARMY CS, FIRST HIGH-RANKING WESTERN
MILITARY OFFICER TO VISIT PRC, SAYS PLA GETS PURPOSEFUL
AND EFFECTIVE TRAINING WITH MODERN WEAPONS OF GOOD
QUALITY. SHOWN TRAINING OF CHINESE INFANTRY, ARMOR,
MAINTENANCE AND LIAISON UNITS, SOURCE SAID HE WAS
STRUCK BY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MILITARY AND
CIVILIAN LIFE IN CHINA (WP).

8. REUTER MELBOURNE REPORTS AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD
ANNOUNCEMENT OF LONG-TERM WHEAT AGREEMENT COVERING
SALE OF 173 MILLION BUSHELS AUSSIE WHEAT TO PRC.
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9. JOC REPORTS UK EXPORTS TO CHINA ROSE 23 PERCENT
IN FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1973, CHIEFLY IN COPPER,
PLATINUM, TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY AND
SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS. VISIT OF CHINESE COMMITTEE
FOR THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNDER
NEW PRESIDENT WANG YAO-TING LAST MONTH RAISED FURTHER

HOPE FOR ORDERS AMONG UK MANUFACTURERS. IMPORTS
FROM CHINA IN JAN-AUG PERIOD REACHED 75 MILLION
DOLLARS OR ALMOST 50 PERCENT MORE THAN LAST YEAR.
IMPORTS SPREAD OVER TRADITIONAL LINES ESPECIALLY
CASHMERE, BUT OTHER CHINESE TEXTILES ALSO SHOWING
GOOD GROWTH. JET AIRCRAFT SALES, INCLUDING PARTS,
ARE DOING WELL, AND IT IS HOPED THAT HEATH'S VISIT
TO CHINA EARLY NEXT YEAR WILL ENCOURAGE MORE CONTRACTS.
UPI WASHINGTON REPORT (JOC) INDICATES DOUBT THAT
PRESIDENT NIXON'S 800 MILLION DOLLAR SINO-US TRADE
FORECAST WILL BE REACHED. DOC STATISTICS SHOW THIS
TRADE DURING FIRST EIGHT MONTHS TOTALLING 316.3
MILLION, BASED ON US EXPORTS OF 276.6 MILLION, AND
IMPORTS OF 39.7 MILLION DOLLARS. SINO-US TRADE
FOR AUG. TOTALLED 94.9 MILLION DOLLARS, EXCEEDING
ALL SUCH TRADE IN 1972. BUT IF AUG. LEVELS OF TRADE
WERE MAINTAINED FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR, TOTAL BILATERAL

TRADE WOULD BE BARELY UNDER 700 MILLION DOLLARS.

JAPAN

10. EDUCATION MINISTRY REPORTS DECISION TO CUT OFF FOREIGN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ROC STUDENTS PERMANENTLY BECAUSE OF SEVERANCE OF GOJ-GRC DIPLOMATIC TIES (AP, WP).

11. US AND JAPANESE SHIPPING OFFICIALS WILL HOLD FURTHER MEETINGS IN JAPAN EARLY NEXT YEAR TO TRY BRINGING "GREATER STABILITY" TO TRANS-PACIFIC TRADE. SESSIONS WERE HELD LAST WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY IN SAN CLEMENTE ON MALPRACTICES, SELF-POLICING AND UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPLEMENTATION OF DUAL RATE SYSTEM, FMC CHAIRMAN BENTLEY DISCLOSES (JOC).

12. FMC SLATES PROBE OF 12-YEAR-OLD AGREEMENT BY WHICH US AND JAPANESE SHIPS SHARE EX-IM FINANCED COTTON PURCHASES MOVING EACH YEAR FROM US TO JAPAN. PROBLEM IS THAT FOR PAST 2 YEARS MARITIME ADMIN. HAS OVERRIDEN AGREEMENT FOR SHARING OF COTTON CARGOES BY REFUSING WAIVER OF US REQUIREMENT THAT 100 PERCENT OF EX-IM FINANCED CARGOES MOVE IN US FLAG SHIPS (JOC).

,3. JAPANESE STEVEDORES' STRIKE EXPECTED TO BEGIN TODAY AT 7 MAJOR PORTS. UNION OFFICIAL TELLS JOC THAT SITUATION IS BECOMING SERIOUS, AND WORKERS "NOT GOING TO PUT UP WITH THE PRESENT SITUATION MUCH LONGER."

14. MITSUBISHI OFFICIALS MEET WITH GOVERNOR OF BRAZIL'S MINAS GERAIS STATE TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE NEW INVESTMENTS IN NON-FERROUS METALS MINING VENTURES (WSJ). SUN'S O'MARA, IN RIO DE JANEIRO, SAYS THERE ARE SOME WHO, IN VIEW OF JAPAN'S "OBVIOUS COMMITMENT" TO INVESTMENT IN BRAZIL, THINK IT POSSIBLE US MAY WIND UP AS BRAZIL'S SECOND LARGEST FOREIGN INVESTOR. FINDS JAPANESE "TRYING HARDER." THEY HAVE, IN RECENT YEARS, ENCOURAGED JAPANESE INDUSTRIES TO NAIL DOWN SOURCES OF NECESSARY MATERIALS ON LONG-RANGE BASIS; THUS, JAPAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH BRAZIL "IS MUCH DEEPER" THAN USUAL BUYER-SELLER SITUATION. RELATIONSHIP IMPROVES BRAZIL'S EXPORT CAPACITY AND MAKES RAW MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO JAPAN. JAPANESE ALSO MOVING INTO MANUFACTURING IN BRAZIL.

15. NYT'S HALLORAN, IN TOKYO, REPORTS STATEMENT BY TOKAI BANK SPOKESMAN THAT JAPANESE BANKING CONSORTIUM IS NEGOTIATING LOAN OF 30-50 MILLION DOLLARS TO

ABU DHABI, ONE OF PERSIAW GULF SHEIKDOMS THAT HAVE
CUT OFF OIL SHIPMENTS TO US. USDA REPORT SHOWS
JAPAN'S 1974 SOYBEAN IMPORTS COULD TOTAL 4 MILLION
METRIC TONS, 3.6 MILLION FROM US (JOC).
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16. HIGH-LEVEL SOVIET AND GOJ OFFICIALS BEGAN NEGOTIATIONS
IN MOSCOW MONDAY ON LONG-TERM RIGHTS FOR JAPANESE
FISHERMEN OFF 4 DISPUTED NORTHERN ISLANDS OCCUPIED
BY SOVIET. TALKS VIEWED AS KREMLIN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE
SOME TACTICAL COMPROMISE TO DEFUSE ISLANDS ISSUE
WITHOUT GIVING WAY TO JAPANESE TERRITORIAL DEMANDS,
AND THUS ENCOURAGE GOJ CREDITS FOR SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT
(NYT).

INDONESIA

17. VP SULTAN HAMENGKU BURONO LEFT JAKARTA MONDAY
BY SPECIAL PLANE FOR EYE SURGERY AT WALTER REED
(AP, NYDN).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

18. LAT'S MCARTHUR (OCT. 19) IN SAIGON REPORTS THAT
IN OCT. 18 BALLOT THIEU SUPPORTERS WON KEY POSITIONS
IN SVN'S 60-MEMBER SENATE. FORMER FORMIN TRAN VAN LAM'S
VICTORY AS SENATE PRESIDENT INDICATES THAT THIEU NOW
HAS TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN BOTH HOUSES NEEDED TO
CHANGE CONSTITUTION AND RUN FOR THIRD TERM - THE
UNSTATED GOAL WHICH HAS BEEN THE SOLE REAL ISSUE IN
RECENT POLITICAL MANEUVERING. THIEU ALREADY CONTROLS
ALMOST THREE-FOURTHS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. HE HAS
GIVEN NO SOLID INDICATION WHEN HE MIGHT MOVE TO CHANGE
THE CONSTITUTION, BUT HAS AMPLE TIME, SINCE HIS TERM
RUNS FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS. THIEU'S CONTROL OF
SENATE WAS SO COMPLETE THAT OPPOSITION WITHDREW EVEN
TOKEN NOMINATIONS FOR VARIOUS COMMITTEE POSTS, THUS
LEAVING FIELD TO LOYALISTS. THOUGH LAM IS NOT AN
OFFICIAL REP OF DEMOCRACY PARTY, HE IS LONGTIME
LOYALIST AND SPOKESMAN FOR THIEU, AND WAS SELECTED
APPARENTLY TO GUIDE CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE THROUGH
THE LEGISLATURE. LAM HAS REPUTATION FOR SMOOTH HANDLING
OF THORNY PROBLEMS.

19. LAT'S SAM JAMESON (OCT. 19) REPORTS SPEECH
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(DATE UNSPECIFIED) BY FUKUDA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT AGENCY IN TANAKA CABINET,
AT YOMIURI INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SEMINAR. FUKUDA

EXPRESSED VIEW THAT JAPAN'S FUTURE WAS BRIGHT "IF JAPAN MAKES NO MISTAKES ON INFLATION AND RESOURCE POLICIES," BUT FAILED TO SPELL OUT DEFINITIVE CURES TO EITHER PROBLEM. HE ALSO WARNED THAT A SLIP IN GOVERNMENT POLICIES COULD LEAD TO RISE OF COMMUNISM OR FASCISM AT HOME AND A FIGHT FOR RESOURCES ABROAD THAT COULD DESTROY INTERNATIONAL DETENTE. FUKUDA CALLS INFLATION AT HOME "A PROBLEM TO BE TACKLED WITH PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHERS" SINCE IT WAS ROCKING THE NATION'S SOCIAL FOUNDATION AND DESTROYING "SOCIAL JUSTICE." HE VIEWS JAPAN'S NEW OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR REALIZA

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